

A simple two story frame house which, by virtue of its relatively unaltered appearance and positioning, plays an integral role in the cohesive late 19th century streetscape of Ware Ave. These buildings are still used as residences and as a collection are rare among the many blocks of Towson that have either been demolished by highrise construction or commercial conversion.

## WARE AVENUE

Those individuals who owned small business and who often either owned or rented smaller dwellings in Towson played their part in making this community the important service center that it was during the 19th century. It is fair to say, however, that in its earliest days some areas of Towson were shaped in great part by a handful of large families who owned large amounts of land that they subdivided. Prior to the establishment of the Court House these included such families as the Bosleys, Paynes, Chews and Towsons, as well as the Schmucks and the Snealeys. After the establishment of Towson as the county seat there was a great deal of development, buying and speculation. A group of men from West Chester, Pennsylvania which included John T. Ensor, Amos and John Rutter and David McConhey, are known to have purchased large tracts on both the east and west sides of town in the 1850's, and it was under their influence that so many of our streets and lots took shape.

There was another family who owned a large amount of land on the north edge of town prior to the 1850's and whose holdings eventually played a role in shaping that particular neighborhood. Nathan H. Ware owned land on the north side of West Joppa Road at least as early as 1843. The Zur Horst map of ten years later shows that "N. H. Ware" also owned an improved parcel on the south side of town, just North of the Bowen House on York Road. The Wares owned the Joppa Road property throughout most of the second half of the 19th century, although by the 1890's this land had been subdivided into lots improved with the frame dwellings that are still there today. It is the history of this family that determined the course of this neighborhood and which lead to its eventual development. That it was developed in the last quarter of the 19th century is evident from the style of the buildings on "Ware" Avenue, and it is through these buildings that that street derives its very specific and individual character. It is one of the few streets left in Towson that exhibits a relatively unaltered genuine Victorian streetscape.

# MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

### 1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Murray House

### 2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

111 Ware Ave.

CITY, TOWN

Towson

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

### 3 CLASSIFICATION

#### CATEGORY

\_\_\_DISTRICT

☒ BUILDING(S)

\_\_\_STRUCTURE

\_\_\_SITE

\_\_\_OBJECT

#### OWNERSHIP

\_\_\_PUBLIC

☒ PRIVATE

\_\_\_BOTH

#### PUBLIC ACQUISITION

\_\_\_IN PROCESS

\_\_\_BEING CONSIDERED

#### STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED

\_\_\_UNOCCUPIED

\_\_\_WORK IN PROGRESS

#### ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED

\_\_\_YES: UNRESTRICTED

\_\_\_NO

#### PRESENT USE

\_\_\_AGRICULTURE

\_\_\_COMMERCIAL

\_\_\_EDUCATIONAL

\_\_\_ENTERTAINMENT

\_\_\_GOVERNMENT

\_\_\_INDUSTRIAL

\_\_\_MILITARY

\_\_\_MUSEUM

\_\_\_PARK

☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE

\_\_\_RELIGIOUS

\_\_\_SCIENTIFIC

\_\_\_TRANSPORTATION

\_\_\_OTHER:

### 4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Winnie O'Loughlin

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

### 5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE.

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

New Courts Building

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Towson

STATE

Maryland

### 6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

\_\_\_FEDERAL \_\_\_STATE \_\_\_COUNTY \_\_\_LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

BA-1402

**7 DESCRIPTION**

**CONDITION**

☐ EXCELLENT

☒ GOOD

☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED

☐ RUINS

☐ UNEXPOSED

**CHECK ONE**

☐ UNALTERED

☒ ALTERED

**CHECK ONE**

☒ ORIGINAL SITE

☐ MOVED

DATE Spring, 1978

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

See Attachment

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PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

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SPECIFIC DATESBUILDER/ARCHITECT

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

## VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

See Attachment

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

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ORGANIZATION

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DATE

Spring 1978

STREET &amp; NUMBER

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

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111 WARE AVENUE

Located at 111 Ware Avenue is a gable-end structure featuring a portico-covered entrance and centrally located chimney. The building consists of a main block, 3 bays wide, 1 bay deep and with a projection to the south forming an L-shape.

The north facade consists of the main block, being two storys high and 3 bays wide. The second story features three  $4/4$  light windows with louvered shutters. The first floor features a centrally located entrance containing a doorway with transom. Also characterizing the first floor is a centrally located portico, supported by two turned columns and with the floor appearing to rest on the ground. Also visible on this facade are the stone foundation and the prescence of asbestos shingles over siding.

The west facade is characterized by the end wall of the main block, containing a single  $4/4$  light window located in the gable-end. Also visible is a projecting L of  $1\ 1/2$  storys featuring a  $1/1$  light window with shutters on the first floor and a single light window in the foundation, lighting the basement. An enclosed porch is present in the southern-most bay of the projection, featuring steps to an entranceway and supported by piers covered with rock-faced form stone.

The south facade is characterized by the enclosed porch mentioned before. Visible on this facade also are two large  $12$  light windows which light the porch itself. Also noted was lattice work which fills the opening present between the form stone covered piers.

Characterizing the east facade are three centrally located  $4/4$  windows in the main block. Located in the projection to the south are two centrally located  $4/4$  sash windows. Also visible on this facade is a small lean-to like addition on the southern-most end of the facade.

## TITLE SEARCH for # 111 WARE AVE.

Liber 3811, Folio 315 February 7, 1961

Grantor: Stuart T. Wilson and Beatrice A Wilson

Grantee: Winnie O' Loughlin

"Beginning on the north side of Joppa Road or Old Court Road at a point distant south  $64^{\circ}$  East 240 ft. from the intersection of the east side of Baltimore Ave. as laid down on the Plat of Ware's Addition to Towsontown, herein in after referred to with the north side of said Joppa Road, said point of beginning being designed to be at the end of the South  $27^{\circ}$  West 150 ft. line of a lot of ground by lease dated June 10, 1878 and recorded in Liber 108/6 was demesed and leased by Eleanor L Pinkerton and Husband to John Smith and running thence with said lot reversly North  $27^{\circ}$  East 150 ft. to Ware Ave. as laid on the Plat of Ware, which Plat is recorded in Platbook 96/186 and running thence along the southwest side of Ware Ave. South  $64^{\circ}$  East 40 ft. to a point the beginning of a lot conveyed by Joseph B. Murray and Helen Murray, wife, to Thomas Boylan by lease dated July 1, 1878 and recroded in Liber 108/500 running thence South  $27^{\circ}$  West and parallel with the first line of the ground row being described 150 ft. to Joppa Road - North  $64^{\circ}$  West 40 ft. to the place of beginning Part of lot 10 thereupon known as 111 Ware Ave.

Liber 3097, Folio 521 January 30, 1957

Grantor: J. Walton Bolgiano & Chloie B. Bolgiano

Grantee: Stuart T. Wilson & Beatrice Wilson

Liber 3065, Folio 413 December 4, 1956

Grantor: Daniel T. Witts and Ethel Witts

Grantee: J. Walton Bolgiano & Chloie B. Bolgiano

Liber 3065, Folio 410 October 11, 1956

Janice Brown, Joseph Brown Ruth and Lio Ward gain property from Witts' Will

Liber 573, Folio 97 April 30, 1923

Grantor: Joseph Murray

Grantee: Ulyssess G. Witts & Carrie Witts

Liber 172, Folio 485 January 9, 1889

Grantor: Eleanor & Samuel Pinkerton

Grantee: Thomas Murray (Part of lot 10 of Wares Addition)

Liber 96, Folio 189 April 6, 1876

Grantor: Samuel Pinkerton (Executor)

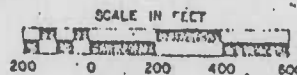
Grantee: Eleanor Pinkerton



Ware Ave

# 111

BA-1402



TOWSON  
SCALE 1"=200'

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